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Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, through the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, provides overall coordination and leadership. ECA exercises team leadership and responsibility for coordination and cooperation at the regional level in the implementation of the programme through, in particular, the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on African Economic Recovery and Development. The Department of Public Information is responsible for a special programme highlighting Africa's economic concerns.

Programme of work

Table 8.1 **Summary of requirements by subprogramme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Subprogramme	1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
1. Mobilization of international support and global coordination	1 351.6	2 577.9	374.4	14.5	2 952.3	195.3	3 147.6
2. Monitoring, assessment and follow-up to the implementation of action programmes for African development	458.5	696.2	100.3	14.4	796.5	76.8	873.3
3. The campaign for global awareness of the critical economic situation in Africa	707.7	1 091.7	246.5	22.5	1 338.2	83.9	1 422.1
Total	**2 517.8**	**4 365.8**	**721.2**	**16.5**	**5 087.0**	**356.0**	**5 443.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
249.6	452.6	Trust Fund for Support of the Implementation of the New Agenda for Development of Africa in the 1990s and the Tokyo Declaration on African Development	1 182.0
177.7	254.0	Trust Fund for Information Support for African Economic Recovery and Development	500.0
—	959.6	UNDP	796.9
		(c) Operational projects	
—	249.3	UNDP	412.0
Total (2)	**427.3**	**1 915.5**	**2 890.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**2 945.1**	**6 281.3**	**8 333.9**

Table 8.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 774.9	3 038.2	601.4	19.7	3 639.6	270.0	3 909.6
Other staff costs	211.8	316.0	(7.5)	(2.3)	308.5	18.5	327.0
Consultants and experts	279.8	451.6	91.5	20.2	543.1	32.4	575.5
Travel	114.9	211.2	19.7	9.3	230.9	13.8	244.7
Contractual services	99.4	311.6	3.6	1.1	315.2	18.4	333.6
General operating expenses	24.4	16.0	23.1	144.3	39.1	2.3	41.4
Supplies and materials	12.6	21.2	(10.6)	(50.0)	10.6	0.6	11.2
Total	**2 517.8**	**4 365.8**	**721.2**	**16.5**	**5 087.0**	**356.0**	**5 443.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1998-1999 estimates*
173.8	230.5	Posts	450.0
222.3	757.1	Consultants and experts	1 287.9
30.5	201.6	Travel	237.5
—	81.8	Contractual services	73.5
0.7	41.0	General operating expenses	—
—	354.2	Furniture and equipment acquisition	430.0
—	249.3	Other	412.0
427.3	**1 915.5**		**2 890.9**
2 945.1	**6 281.3**		**8 333.9**

Table 8.3 Post requirements

Programme: Africa: New Agenda for Development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	4	4	—	—	1	1	5	5
P-4/3	5	6	—	—	4	3	9	9
Total	**11**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**4**	**16**	**16**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	6	6	—	—	2	2	8	8
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**9**	**9**
Other categories								
Local level	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Grand total	**18**	**19**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**7**	**26**	**26**

8.5 The approximate percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1. Mobilization of international support and global coordination	57.8	40.9
Subprogramme 2. Monitoring, assessment and follow-up to the implementation of action programmes for African development	16.0	41.8
Subprogramme 3. The campaign for global awareness of the critical economic situation in Africa	26.2	17.3
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogramme 1
Mobilization of international support and global coordination

Table 8.4 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 026.6	1 972.4	267.1	13.5	2 239.5	152.8	2 392.3
Other staff costs	27.4	62.9	(7.5)	(11.9)	55.4	3.4	58.8
Consultants and experts	240.4	397.0	91.5	23.0	488.5	29.1	517.6
Travel	56.4	113.9	19.7	17.2	133.6	8.0	141.6
Contractual services	0.8	31.7	3.6	11.3	35.3	2.0	37.3
Total	**1 351.6**	**2 577.9**	**374.4**	**14.5**	**2 952.3**	**195.3**	**3 147.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Support of the Implementation of the New Agenda for Development of Africa in the 1990s and the Tokyo Declaration	
249.6	452.6	on African Development	1 182.0
		(c) Operational projects	
249.6	**452.6**	**Total (2)**	**1 182.0**
1 601.2	**3 030.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**4 329.6**

Table 8.5 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the least developed countries

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	2	2	—	—	1	1	3	3
P-4/3	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**8**	**8**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	4	4	—	—	1	1	5	5
Total	**5**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**6**
Grand total	**12**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**14**	**14**

8.6 The activities under the subprogramme will be implemented by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries. The Office is headed by an official at the D-2 level who reports to the Head of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development. This arrangement provides, through the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, effective high-level leadership and coordination of the activities within the United Nations system, including regional commissions, UNCTAD, UNDP and other programmes, funds and agencies of the system and the Bretton Woods institutions. While covering the spectrum of African development, as contained in the New Agenda, the Special Coordinator in implementing subprogramme 1 will not be involved in operational activities but will play advocacy, catalytic and coordinating roles. In discharging his responsibilities, the Special Coordinator, under the supervision of the Under-Secretary-General, will work closely with ECA and the Department of Public Information, which are responsible for implementation of the activities described below under subprogrammes 2 and 3, respectively, as well as maintain close coordination and cooperation with UNCTAD. In the context of its advocacy role, the Office of the Special Coordinator will continue to support the Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development. The Special Coordinator will also follow closely progress in the implementation of such initiatives or activities on Africa, such as the Development Assistance Committee of OECD new global partnership, the World Bank initiative on debt relief for highly indebted poor countries, and others. In this regard, particular attention will be given to the assessment of net aggregate financial flows to Africa, the external debt situation and trade facilitation. The Office will contribute actively in the preparation of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development, which will be held in 1998, as co-organizer together with the Government of Japan and the Global Coalition for Africa.

8.7 Within the framework of its catalytic activities, the Office of the Special Coordinator, in cooperation with other relevant entities of the United Nations, will also pursue activities targeting, in particular, diversification of African commodities, promotion of the informal sector, microcredit, South-South cooperation, implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for the least developed countries and other key priority areas as defined by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/32 of 6 December 1996, through, in particular, organizing and/or participating in seminars, round tables, workshops and other forums. In exercising his coordination function, the Special Coordinator will provide substantive contribution and support to the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Inter-

Agency Task Force on African Economic Recovery and Development and participate in relevant forums of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations.

Activities

8.8 During the biennium 1998-1999, the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. Two plenary meetings of the General Assembly, six plenary meetings of the Economic and Social Council, two meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and eight meetings of the Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development;

(ii) Parliamentary documentation:

General Assembly: Progress report on the implementation of the conclusions of the mid-term review of the New Agenda;

Economic and Social Council (high-level segment): Report on the implementation of the New Agenda;

Committee for Programme and Coordination: Progress report on the implementation of the System-wide Plan of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development and the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa;

Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development: Two to four issue papers to the Panel;

(iii) Other services provided

a. Substantive contribution to the preparation and holding, in cooperation with the Government of Japan and the Global Coalition for Africa, of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development;

b. Twelve ad hoc expert group meetings on microcredit for enterprise development; informal sector in Africa; governance; trade and investment in Africa; poverty eradication in Africa; diversification of African economies; brain drain in Africa; advancing financial intermediation (in the Eastern, Southern, Central, Western and Northern subregions of Africa);

c. Three interregional meetings: Asia-Africa symposium on linkages between Asian and African institutions in the field of science and technology for development; Asia-Africa symposium on progress in cooperation in combating desertification (in cooperation with the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa); seminar on ways to implement the Bandung Framework for Asia-Africa Cooperation;

d. Substantive contribution to the forum of non-governmental organizations, development partners and African Governments on their involvement in African development;

(b) Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications: *Overview of African Development*; *Priority Africa* (summary of the work of the Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: governance in Africa; study on the progress achieved in economic reforms in Africa; food situation in Africa; study on the external debt situation of African countries; trade and investment in Africa; science and technology in Africa; directory of African and Asian institutions for networking; follow-up study on net aggregate financial flows to African countries; partnership among development actors in Africa; brain drain in Africa; and advancing financial intermediation in Africa;

(iii) Database on African non-governmental organizations dealing with economic and social development of Africa, for use by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other appropriate institutions and organizations;

(c) International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

(i) Substantive contribution to the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on issues relevant to African development and least developed countries; substantive contribution to the activities of the Inter-Agency Task Force on African Economic Recovery and Development;

(ii) Participation in the activities of regional and interregional intergovernmental organizations on issues related to African development, such as the meetings of the OAU Council of Ministers and summits of Heads of State and Government, the Annual Assembly of the Board of Governors of the African Development Bank, the Policy Forum of the Global Coalition for Africa and others. Cooperation with, including participation in the meetings of, African subregional economic communities (ECOWAS, SADC, PTA, UMA and others).

Subprogramme 2
Monitoring, assessment and follow-up to the implementation of action programmes for African development

Table 8.6 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	261.7	419.0	100.3	23.9	519.3	60.2	579.5
Other staff costs	103.2	145.3	—	—	145.3	8.7	154.0
Consultants and experts	39.4	54.6	—	—	54.6	3.3	57.9
Travel	54.2	77.3	—	—	77.3	4.6	81.9
Total (1)	**458.5**	**696.2**	**100.3**	**14.4**	**796.5**	**76.8**	**873.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	959.6	UNDP	796.9
		(c) Operational projects	
—	249.3	UNDP	412.0
Total (2)	**1 208.9**		**1 208.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**1 905.1**		**2 082.2**

Table 8.7 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Economic Commission for Africa

Established posts		Temporary posts					
Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above							
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	1	1	—	—	1	1	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**3**
Other categories								
Local level	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
Total	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Grand total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**4**	**4**

8.9 The subprogramme will be implemented by ECA.

8.10 For the biennium 1998-1999, activities will focus on further strengthening of system-wide consultations and coordination at the regional level, supporting the operationalization of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa, increasing efforts towards economic diversification of the continent, and monitoring, assessing and reporting on actions taken by African countries and by the international community in support of African economic recovery and development in the context of the implementation of the New Agenda, the System-wide Plan of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development and the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa. In this context, special attention will be accorded to the needs of the African least developed countries.

Activities

8.11 During the biennium 1998-1999, the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. Four meetings of the ECA Conference of Ministers;

(ii) Parliamentary documentation. ECA Conference of Ministers: Report on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development; annual progress reports on the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa;

(iii) Other services provided (RB/XB). Ad hoc expert group meeting on comparative assessment of advantages and limitations of the respective arrangements under two subregional economic cooperation agreements: Union économique et monetaire de l'Afrique de l'ouest (UEMOA) and Cross Border Initiative in East Africa (CBI);

(b) Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications. *SIA Newsletter* (quarterly);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Assessment of the potential role of non-governmental organizations in the development of local capacities in the construction and maintenance of infrastructures; study on the assessment of capabilities of consulting services in Northern, Eastern and Southern Africa, in relation to meeting the technical assistance needs of small- and medium-scale private enterprises; study on the comparative assessment of two subregional economic cooperation frameworks: UEMOA and CBI; and an assessment of the impact on African least developed countries of the Multilateral Debt Reduction and Relief Agreement;

(iii) Electronic, audio and video issuances relating to activities under the subprogramme. Special Initiative on Africa database, as part of the ECA Web site;

(iv) Special events. SIA roadshow: briefing for African policy makers; four sensitization events;

(c) International Cooperation, Inter-agency Coordination, and Liaison (RB/XB)

(i) Missions of consultations to selected agencies of the United Nations system, selected development agencies and institutions, non-governmental organizations and subregional economic groupings and intergovernmental organizations to mobilize support for the successful implementation of the New Agenda (up to 11 missions);

(ii) Substantive contribution, including submission of biennial reports, in collaboration with UNDP, to the Administrative Committee on Coordination Steering Committee and other relevant Administrative Committee on Coordination bodies regarding progress in the implementation of the System-wide Initiative and related ECA activities, as well as, in collaboration with United Nations resident coordinators, of country monitoring reports;

(d) Technical cooperation (XB)

(i) Advisory services. Participation in 10 missions of advisory services to eight selected African least developed countries on the formulation and elaboration of national diversification strategies; and six advisory missions to selected Member States regarding the implementation of the Special Initiative on Africa at the national level;

(ii) Seminars, workshops and other meetings. Two Special Initiative briefing workshops for civil society organizations; two country/sector-specific Special Initiative technical working meetings; and special Initiative workshop for the journalists of the region.

Subprogramme 3
The campaign for global awareness of the critical economic situation in Africa

Table 8.8 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	486.6	646.8	234.0	36.1	880.8	57.0	937.8
Other staff costs	81.2	107.8	—	—	107.8	6.4	114.2
Travel	4.3	20.0	—	—	20.0	1.2	21.2
Contractual services	98.6	279.9	—	—	279.9	16.4	296.3
General operating expenses	24.4	16.0	23.1	144.3	39.1	2.3	41.4
Supplies and materials	12.6	21.2	(10.6)	(50.0)	10.6	0.6	11.2
Total (1)	**707.7**	**1 091.7**	**246.5**	**22.5**	**1 338.2**	**83.9**	**1 422.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Information Support for African Economic Recovery and	
177.7	254.0	Development	500.0
		(c) Operational projects	
Total (2)	**177.7**	**254.0**	**500.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**885.4**	**1 345.7**	**1 922.1**

Table 8.9 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Department of Public Information

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999	1996-1997	1998-1999
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	1	2	—	—	3	2	4	4
Total	2	3	—	—	3	2	5	5
General Service category								
Other levels	2	2	—	—	1	1	3	3
Total	2	2	—	—	1	1	3	3
Grand total	4	5	—	—	4	3	8	8

8.12 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Department of Public Information.

8.13 In the biennium 1998-1999, emphasis will continue to be placed on raising global awareness of Africa's critical economic situation and of the actions taken by Africa and the international community to promote the economic recovery and development of the continent. Activities will focus on highlighting the nature of the critical economic and social situation in Africa and on efforts that are required for recovery and development; on further promotion of the major international and local initiatives that will contribute to Africa's economic progress, with special emphasis on the New Agenda and the complimentary role of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa; and on promotion of regional and subregional cooperation and integration in Africa through appropriate programmes, especially those approved by the General Assembly in resolution 51/32. The progress achieved in the implementation of the Agenda, the System-wide Plan of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development and the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa will be highlighted.

Activities

8.14 During the biennium 1998-1999, the following activities will be undertaken:

Substantive activities (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications. *Africa Recovery* (quarterly - English and French);

(ii) Other information material. Information kits, briefing papers and press releases on major international and local initiatives and events supporting Africa's economic and social development; and media liaison and speaking engagements relating to United Nations concerns and efforts to promote African development.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

8.15 The estimated requirements of $3,639,600, reflecting a growth of $601,400, would provide for 12 Professional and 7 General Service posts under the programme. The resource growth represents the combined effect of the application of new standardized vacancy rates, the delayed impact of the new posts (one P-5 and two P-3) established under the programme in the biennium 1996-1997 and the cost of a P-4 post proposed to be redeployed to subprogramme 3 above from section 26, Public information, for strengthening the activities aimed at highlighting the critical economic situation in Africa.

Other staff costs

8.16 A provision in the amount of $308,500, reflecting a negative growth of $7,500, is proposed under this heading, broken down as follows:

(a) An amount of $200,700 is proposed under general temporary assistance for the Office of the Special Coordinator ($55,400) and ECA ($145,300) to cope with the additional workload at the time of the review of the programme implementation by legislative bodies;

(b) An amount of $107,800, would be required under external expertise for research, writing and design of information material in relation to the publications of *Africa Recovery* by the Department of Public Information.

Consultants and experts

8.17 A provision in the amount of $543,100, including a resource growth of $91,500, relates to expert advice and specialized assistance required for implementation of subprogrammes 1 and 2, broken down as follows:

(a) $222,400 for consultants and $266,100 for expert group meetings under the programme of work of the Special Coordinator, as detailed in paragraph 8.7 above. The resource growth ($91,500) relates to additional requirements resulting from the substantially expanded programme of meetings envisaged under subprogramme 1;

(b) $23,600 for consultants and $31,000 for expert group meetings under subprogramme 2, as detailed in paragraph 8.11 above.

Travel

8.18 The estimated requirements of $230,900 relate to travel of the Special Coordinator and his staff as well as the staff of ECA and the Department of Public Information for consultations, collection of information and data and participation in inter-agency and other meetings under their programme of work. This amount reflects a resource growth of $19,700 in connection with the requirements of the Special Coordinator and his staff to attend an increased number of meetings.

Contractual services

8.19 The estimated requirements of $315,200 cover the costs of contractual translation, printing and other production costs of the quarterly periodical *Africa Recovery* by the Department of Public Information ($279,900) and external production of publications on the meetings under the work programme to be held away from established United Nations locations ($35,300).

General operating expenses

8.20 The estimate of $39,100, including a resource growth of $23,100, relate to the cost of shipment and other services in connection with the production of *Africa Recovery* by the Department of Public Information.

Supplies and materials

8.21 The estimated requirements of $10,600, reflecting a negative growth of $10,600, are proposed on the basis of the past expenditure pattern. They would cover the cost of supplies in relation to information activities under subprogramme 3.